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SUBJECT: GOI ASSISTANCE TO KOSOVO

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MFA'S DIRECTORATE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION REPORTS
THAT GOI BUDGETED ASSISTANCE FOR KOSOVO FOR CY 2002 IS 2.5
BILLION LIRE (APPX \$1.2 MILLION). THIS MONEY IS EARMARKED
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FOR TWO PROJECTS: 1.5 BILLION LIRE (\$730,000) FOR THE
REFURBISHING OF THE HOSPITAL IN PEJA/PEC AND 1 BILLION LIRE
(\$470,000) FOR ASSISTANCE TO KOSOVO SCHOOLS. ADDITIONAL
POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2002 INCLUDE 4 BILLION LIRE (\$1.8
MILLION) FOR THE TRAINING OF MEDICAL STAFF AT THE PEJA/PEC
HOSPITAL, 2.0 BILLION LIRE (\$940,000) FOR THE FOSTERING OF
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE ALBANIAN AND ORTHODOX SERB
COMMUNITIES OF THE PEJA/PEC REGION, 1.8 BILLION LIRE
(\$845,000) FOR TRAINING OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, 2.0 BILLION
LIRE (\$940,000) FOR EMPLOYMENT GENERATION, PARTICULARLY
EMPLOYMENT OF MINORITIES IN SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE BUSINESSES,
1.8 BILLION LIRE FOR (\$845,000) FOR RETRAINING OF KPC
MEMBERS, AND 2 BILLION LIRE (\$940,000) FOR SOLID WASTE
TREATMENT. IF ALL THESE PROJECTS ARE REALIZED, ITALY'S 2002
CONTRIBUTION WOULD TOTAL 16.1 BILLION LIRE (\$7.7 MILLION).

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